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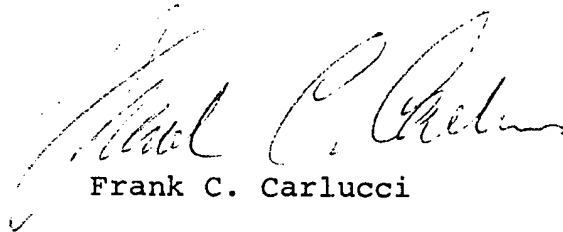
September 8, 1987



MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ROBERT M. GATES
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Assessment of the Possibility of Sabotage of
U.S. Space and Missile Launch Vehicles (S)

Thank you for your memorandum summarizing the Intelligence Community's findings regarding the possibility that our recent series of launch failures might have been the result of sabotage. Our space and missile launch vehicles provide critical support to a variety of programs essential to our national security. I appreciate the completeness of the Intelligence Community's assessment which should finally put to rest any concerns that sabotage might have been the cause of the failures. (S)


Frank C. Carlucci

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